

## *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

**1. Q: Is training mandatory for all farmer and market manager applicants?**

**A:** Yes, training is mandatory for farmers and market managers new to the WIC and Senior Farmers' Nutrition Program. A face-to-face or interactive training is required the first year of your application. After the first year, training may be received via other form of communication such as a newsletter, flyer, handbook or emails.

**2. Q: Where can I get trained?**

**A:** Contact a Market Manager of a WIC-authorized market for training. If your Market Manager is not available or can't provide the training, contact a nearby local WIC agency or the State WIC office.

**3. Q: Where can I get a list of WIC-authorized farmers' markets?**

**A:** Go to the California Department of Public Health WIC Program website at [www.wicworks.ca.gov](http://www.wicworks.ca.gov) and look up "*WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program*" and "*List of WIC authorized Farmers' Markets.*"

**4. Q: How do I find a local WIC agency in my area?**

**A:** To find a local WIC agency, go to the California Department of Public Health WIC Program website at [www.wicworks.ca.gov](http://www.wicworks.ca.gov) and look up "*Find a Local WIC Agency*" under Program Information or call the State WIC office at (916) 928-8513.

**5. Q: How long is the training?**

**A:** The training may last 1 to 2 hours depending on the number of farmers and farmer's knowledge and familiarity of the WIC and Senior programs. Contact the market manager or local WIC agency staff for training details.

**6. Q: As a WIC authorized market manager, am I qualified to train the farmers?**

**A:** Yes, you are qualified and expected to provide training and support to farmers once your market is authorized. However, market managers must first attend and complete a State-sponsored training session. Also, the market/s you manage must be listed as WIC authorized markets before you can offer trainings to farmers. Please contact the State WIC office to request a FREE Farmer Training Toolkit before offering training.

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7. **Q: I am authorized through the 2010 season, do I need to reapply?**

**A:** Yes, you will need to submit a new application form to our office to stay in the FMNP. Our application period is between March and September.

8. **Q: Where can I find an application form and instructions?**

**A:** The 2011 FMNP applications and Farmer and Market Manager Handbook are posted on our website at [www.wicworks.com](http://www.wicworks.com) or you may call (916) 928-8513 for a copy.

9. **Q: Do I get a new rubber stamp with a unique WIC ID number every year?**

**A:** No, we will provide a rubber stamp only once in the first year of your application. The stamp will be sent within 4-6 weeks from the date of approval. The same rubber stamp may be reused every year during your authorization period. Returning applicants will not get a new rubber stamp.

10. **Q: Can I get another stamp if I lose the first one?**

**A:** No. Unfortunately we are only able to provide you with one stamp. You can, however, have a stamp made at your own expense.

11. **Q: Can I send my application form to you by fax?**

**A:** No, we require an original application with your signature. Faxed or emailed application forms will not be accepted.

12. **Q: What address do I mail my application to?**

**A:** Please mail all applications to:

CDPH- WIC Program  
FMNP  
3901 Lennane Drive, MS 8600  
Sacramento, CA 95834